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SENATE

TUESDAY, January 4, 2022

The Senate met at 12 m., Eastern Standard Time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Senator Elder A. Vogel, Jr.) in the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. This being the day and hour fixed by the Constitution for convening the 206th Regular Session of the General Assembly, the Senate will come to order.

PRAYER

The following prayer was offered by Hon. MEGAN MARTIN, Secretary of the Senate:

Let us pray.

As we commence our new Session year, let us reflect today not on what was, but on what can be in the coming year. Although we can always find reasons to complain, our time is so much better spent counting our blessings and looking to the future with optimism and hope, knowing that the Lord is guiding our steps. So, today, we thank You, Lord, for the many blessings You have bestowed upon all of us. Blessings, such as the blessings of Your grace and Your mercy, that You so generously give to us. The blessings of family, friends, and colleagues who support us in our endeavors here at the Senate. The blessings of wisdom, compassion, and understanding, so that we can work together in unity for the people of this great Commonwealth.

Let us embark today on this new Session year with thankfulness in our hearts and hope for all the possibilities that a new year brings. Help us, Lord, to embrace new beginnings and to welcome the new year with a loving heart filled with peace. Bless us, Lord, as we start this new Session year, and fill us with gratitude for our blessings and hope for all that is to come. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those assembled.)

**ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE
PRESIDING OFFICER**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to Senate Rule 21(b), the Chair is giving the Senators notice that a photographer from the Republican Caucus has been granted permission to take still photographs on the floor of the Senate today during the special order of business for the election of the President pro tempore.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The next order of business will be the election of the President pro tempore as required by Article II, Section 9, of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, which states, in part, that the Senate shall, at the beginning and end of each Regular Session, elect one of its Members President pro tempore.

Before taking up nominations for the office of President pro tempore, the Chair would like to again suggest if there is no objection, in the event that there is only one candidate for the office, the Chair will dispense with the calling of the roll and ask for a voice vote on the nomination.

The Chair hears no objection.

The Chair will now accept nominations for office of President pro tempore.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Westmoreland, Senator Kim Ward.

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, the Pennsylvania Constitution requires the State Senate to convene in Session on the first Tuesday of the new year. Today, as we begin the midterm of the legislative Session, we are here for another important requirement, which is to swear in our President pro tempore for the upcoming Session. As Majority Leader of this body, I would like to once again nominate Senator Jake Corman to serve in that position.

Last year was a trying year--just as the year before--for our entire Commonwealth. The impact of COVID-19 and role of government to combat it were apparent in all aspects of our life, a position in direct opposition to the reason some of us ran for office. It is also a position that would cause some to choose to seize up, stop operations, and wait for better days. But that luxury is not afforded to the General Assembly; it is not afforded to our local governments, school districts, small businesses, and families. With that responsibility, that requirement placed on us by the electorate of Pennsylvania, we showed up to legislate, to analyze the impacts of the policies placed on Pennsylvanian's lives, and to make changes to put the power back in the people's hands and put us on a pathway to growth and opportunity. As President pro tempore, Senator Corman was one of the loudest voices in our push for greater opportunities for all and the rule of law that would protect the people of this Commonwealth from government overreach. The year 2022 promises to be a year that we continue to calculate the severe impacts of the pandemic and the policies executed to counter it. We will continue to count on Senator Corman as a steady hand to ensure the operation of this Chamber and this body as we tackle the toughest issue in generations.

Mr. President, I stand here once again to nominate Senator Jake Corman to serve as President pro tempore of the Pennsylvania State Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Costa.

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I rise today to second the nomination of Senator Jake Corman to serve again as the President pro tempore of our Chamber. I think, as our Members recall, last year got off to a little bit of a bumpy start. But, I think what we have learned over the course of the past year and through that time--Senator Corman has proven to be someone who has been a champion of this legislature as a whole and, more specifically, this Chamber. While we have not often agreed--but we did often-times disagree--on many things, I think what can be noted is that during the debate, it was debate about the issues and nothing personal. He has been a strong advocate for what he believes to be the constitutional role and, more specifically, the preeminence of this body as a part of the legislative branch in our governance of Pennsylvania.

As we know, the role of the President pro tempore is a unique one; it is vastly different from the role of the Majority Leader. Instead of representing the interest of just one party, one Caucus, this individual must be able to represent the entire Chamber. Over the course of time, I believe that has been the case. As the Democratic Leader here in the Senate, I can attest that when we made requests of the President pro tempore, in nearly all instances it was discussed and honored. More specifically, as it relates to the administration of this Chamber, to the Democratic share of the resources and the like, Mr. President, Senator Corman has been more than fair and has continued the practice of previous Presidents pro tempore along those lines, and I expect that to be the case, obviously, as we go forward. As was mentioned by Senator Kim Ward, this has been a critical time where we have faced this pandemic together. We tried the best we could to protect the Members and staff, and, along those lines, we have had to take steps that were appropriate and certainly ones that indicate that we have had a difficult time dealing with.

Mr. President, this year represents the last year that Senator Corman will be with us. I want to take a moment to reflect on our collective journeys through this process and how I arrived at this point in time today to, again, second his nomination today for President pro tempore. We both started here around the late 1990s and have been able to serve--we both served on the Committee on Appropriations as chairpersons for a couple of years and then served with each other over the course of time as our respective Leaders. I could tell you that I probably have not worked with anyone as closely as I have with Senator Corman over that period of time. What I have learned is that he is an honorable man, a man who stands by his convictions and will work to ensure that what he believes is in the best interests of this Commonwealth, the best interests of this institution, is always at the front of his mind, and I think that is an important attribute that a President pro tempore must have. So, Mr. President, for all those reasons I second the motion--I was going to say second the emotion like I am Smokey Robinson, right (laughter)--but, in any event, I second the motion for Senator Jake Corman as President pro tempore for the 206th legislative Session.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Columbia, Senator Gordner.

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, it is my honor to second the nomination of my friend, Senator Jake Corman, as the President pro tempore. Just a little bit in regard to his journey through different positions over the years. I think he started as chair of this little committee called the Committee on Communications and Technology and had some big broadband bill dumped in his lap, which took a lot of time and effort for that small, little committee, but it was very successful in its enactment. Then he went on, I believe, to the Committee on Health and Human Services. From there he went to the policy committee, where he was chair of that committee, I think, for a Session. Then he was elected chair of the Committee on Appropriations at the end of the 2000s, during a huge downturn in our economy--and it has sort of been that way ever since, I think. Whether he was chair of the Committee on Appropriations, whether he was Majority Leader, or now President pro tempore, through those advancements from committee chair to Leadership, I have seen two continuous mantras of Jake. I have probably heard him say, we need to get things done or, I am in this position in order to get results, probably 100 times. Whatever the position is, I know that he has had that interest of wanting to get things done, in getting results. That is what the people want, that is what the Members of our General Assembly want, whether they are Democrat or Republican, from rural areas or urban areas: to get results.

The second thing is his love of this institution. As someone whose father served here very proudly, was chair of the Committee on Transportation for a long time, and as a kid came here, he understands this institution and how important it is to preserve the integrity and the effectiveness of it, and the respect of this institution. Again, it does not matter whether you are Democrat or Republican or on what side of the aisle, we are all Senators in this select group.

I happen to remember, and I tried to find it this morning, I remember in the early 2000s that there was this article in the *Patriot News* of all these young guns. The names I remember were Conti, Corman, Dent, Gerlach, Murphy, and Scarnati as these young, 40-some, guns coming into this Senate with a lot of senior Members. By the way, I talked to a guy by the name of Joe Scarnati this morning on my trip in, he just turned 60, and I am heading there tomorrow, so I cannot remember his date, he never could remember my date, but I thought I would call and see how 60 was from his side. It is now interesting those young guns are now senior Members. Or at least the one that is left out of that group. Matter of fact, the only one that is left out of that group is you, Jake, and now you are the second-most senior Member of our Caucus next to someone who is not here, Tommy Tomlinson, although I thought I saw him walking in front of the Hilton this morning. (Laughter.) So now you are the second-most senior Member of our Caucus. Now you are one of those old, stuffy Members who the young guns--I mean, look at Devlin Robinson over there--Devlin considers you one of the old people of this Caucus. (Laughter.) Here is the thing that I will continue to respect you for the most, and that is as a family person, as a proud dad and a proud husband. This morning I pulled up a YouTube video from, I do not know, a year or so ago and Bella talks about how you are the most loving dad I have ever met. You are the only daddy she has, but it still is very poignant the way she said it. I have seen you so many times, making sure you

made those swimming meets, baseball tournaments, basketball games for family, and you have surrounded yourself with strong women. The biggest is your mom, the real political force of the Corman clan, Becky, but certainly with your wife, Kelli. Again, I saw recently with Sue Paterno, with Bella, and I am going to call her out just because she is on the floor, Anna Fitzsimmons, who has the worst poker face of anyone who I have ever seen in my entire life. But, again, it is as that proud dad, husband, family member that I think will continue to be one of your greatest legacies. The last thing that you are known for is that you are a crier. So sometime today, I do not know when, but I expect a cry, or a tear or two, just to fit within that Corman legacy. Jake, you have been a great friend, an outstanding leader, and a good President pro tempore for the Senate and for this institution. Congratulations.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Costa.

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, if there are no other seconds, nominations, or comments, I would just ask that the remarks that have been submitted by Senator Muth be directed to the Secretary and that they be read across the record indicating her position on this particular matter.

Thank you, Mr. President.

[Remarks were never submitted by Senator Muth.]

NOMINATIONS CLOSED

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other nominations? The Chair hears none and declares the nominations closed.

The candidate for the office of President pro tempore is the Honorable Jacob D. Corman III of Centre County.

All those in favor of Senator Corman for the office of President pro tempore will please say "aye"; those opposed, "no."

A voice vote having been taken, the question was determined in the affirmative.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair declares Senator Corman elected President pro tempore of the Senate of Pennsylvania.

(Applause.)

COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO ESCORT PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE-ELECT TO THE ROSTRUM

The PRESIDING OFFICER. At this time, the Chair appoints, as a committee to escort the President pro tempore-elect, Senator Jake Corman, to the rostrum: the gentleman from Dauphin, Senator DiSanto; the gentleman from Luzerne, Senator Yudichak; and the gentleman from Lackawanna, Senator Flynn. The committee will proceed to escort Senator Corman to the rostrum.

(Whereupon, the President pro tempore-elect was escorted to the rostrum of the Senate.)

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE-ELECT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. We are honored to have with us today the Honorable Sallie Updyke Mundy, Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, to administer the oath of office.

Members and all guests will please rise.

Justice Mundy, please take over.

Justice MUNDY. Please place your left hand on your Bible, raise your right hand, and repeat after me:

I, Jake Corman, do solemnly swear that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity. So help me God.

(Applause.)

GAVEL PRESENTED TO PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair wishes to thank Justice Mundy for being here today to administer the oath of office to the President pro tempore.

Ladies and gentlemen, it is now my privilege to present the Honorable Jake Corman, President pro tempore of the Senate of Pennsylvania.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore (Senator Jacob D. Corman III) in the Chair.

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Good afternoon. This being an off year I would not normally give remarks, but since, as Senator Costa alluded to, this is going to be my last year in the Senate so this is my last opportunity. So let me just make a couple remarks. First, thank you. Thank you to Justice Mundy who has been a great friend for a lot of years, you honor me by coming in today. I do want to recognize that Justice-elect Brobson is here. Judge Brobson, we are looking forward to working with you in the near future, so thank you so much for being here as well. I want to thank my good friend, Leader Kim Ward, Senator Costa, and Senator Gordner for your very kind words, kinder than I deserve, but I appreciate it a great deal. A little less drama than last year, but it is still a very important moment for me. So, I thank you all for doing that.

The only thing I want to say today, and it is important, I think, that we all say this today, is I want to thank all of the women and men who work for the Senate of Pennsylvania. These last 18 months, without question, have been the most difficult 18 months in my career in serving in the Senate. You know, from our Senate Secretary, Megan Martin, and her entire staff here in the institution of the Senate; Donetta D'Innocenzo, our Chief Clerk, and her entire staff; Dan Billings and the entire Senate Security; to Shelly Brown, Krystjan Callahan, Rob Ritson, and the entire Senate Republican Caucus; to Tony Lepore, C.J. Hafner, and Mark Mekilo, and the entire Senate Democratic Caucus, you literally have been on the frontlines for the last 18 months.

You know, when many State employees, many private sector employees, were working remotely, you were here. You came to the Senate to do the important work of the Senate of Pennsylvania. To help the citizens of Pennsylvania during the most trying times we have seen, probably, in our lifetime. You were here, you showed up every day, passing important bills. While many of us Members were home, you were here making sure that we were able to address the crisis of the day, the issues of the day, that were so very important. For all our district offices, there has

never been a time where our district offices had so much pressure. First, trying to understand all the CDC guidelines, all the Governor's guidelines—who could go to work, who could not go to work—and trying to explain that to people. Listening to the heartbreaking stories of our constituents who, because they could not get their unemployment compensation, they could not make that car payment, pay their rent, pay family bills that they had to pay, and you worked those cases to the end, to make them happen for those people. For going through what may be the most tumultuous election of all of our lives, where people called, and, in many cases, just vented to you on the phone.

You were literally on the frontlines, and when I say that, the frontlines, I think of Senator Street and his district office actually receiving gunfire, which is something that, as the institutional officer, shook me to my core, and should shake all of us. One thing I do promise here today is to work with Senator Kim Ward and Senator Costa to make sure that all of our offices, whether they be here in Harrisburg or in our district, are safe and secure. No one, whether you work for the Senate, in government, or in the private sector, should feel unsafe in your workplace. It is all of our duties here, as Members of the Senate, to make sure that everyone has a safe environment to conduct your business on a daily basis. That is something I pledge to you today to make sure it happens. So with that, I, again, want to thank you all. You epitomize the phrase "public servant," and Pennsylvanians are in a better place today because of the work that all of you do. So, for that, thank you very much. God bless you, and happy New Year.

(Applause.)

**The PRESIDING OFFICER (Senator Elder A. Vogel, Jr.)
in the Chair.**

GUESTS OF SENATOR GENE YAW PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lycoming, Senator Yaw.

Senator YAW. Mr. President, today it is my pleasure to rise to welcome a former Member of this body, Senator Jack McGregor, and his wife, Joannah, who are seated with us on the floor. Senator McGregor and his wife are my constituents and reside in Mifflinburg, Union County. We figured out today—in talking to the Senator—that he is the oldest surviving former Member of this body, so that is quite an accomplishment in and of itself. He was elected as one of the youngest Members of this legislative body at 28 years old. Senator McGregor represented the 44th Senatorial District from 1963 to 1970. At that time, the district encompassed Allegheny County. He studied at various universities and received a B.S. from Yale University in 1956, where he was a member of the Skull and Bones society. He received his J.D. from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, where he was named class valedictorian and editor-in-chief of the *University of Pittsburgh Law Review*. He would later receive an honorary doctor of laws degree from Quinnipiac University in 1995. After college, Senator McGregor served as Captain in the United States Marine Corps—and if you noticed he wears the little globe of the Marine Corps on his lapel today.

Throughout his professional career, Senator McGregor has many accomplishments. But one, in particular, will resonate with

sports fans here in the Chamber and across Pennsylvania. Senator McGregor is the founder and original owner of the Pittsburgh Penguins hockey team. In the spring of 1965, while traveling along the Pennsylvania Turnpike to Harrisburg, he stated that he felt that Pittsburgh had not reached its potential as a sports town. This led him to examine ways to bring the NHL back to Pittsburgh after a 35-year absence. The Senator formed a group of local investors for the Pittsburgh franchise that included H. J. Heinz Company CEO, H. J. Heinz II; the Pittsburgh Steelers owner, Art Rooney; and Mellon family heir, Richard Mellon Scaife. The effort was a success, and on February 8, 1966, the National Hockey League granted a franchise to Pittsburgh, beating out Buffalo as the popular frontrunner. Fast forward more than 50 years, and the Penguins have been a dominant force in the National Hockey League, with some of the most loyal fans in hockey. They have qualified for six Stanley Cup Finals, winning the Stanley Cup five times. Along with the Edmonton Oilers, the Penguins are tied for the most Stanley Cup championships among the non-"Original Six" teams, and sixth overall. They are known and respected worldwide. Who would have thought that all of this started with the idea of one man who is actually with us today. It is not very often you meet a person with such a clear and inspiring vision as Jack McGregor. His extraordinary contributions to the State and his district were numerous and significant. It is an honor to welcome him back to the Senate Chamber.

I would also be remiss if I did not acknowledge Joannah McGregor, whose family has deep roots in Mifflinburg in my district and whose long-term contributions have made Union County a better place to live. Whether it is as a member of Preservation Mifflinburg; the Buggy Museum, of which her mother was a founding member; or her involvement in the Christkindl Market, I applaud her for her tireless work and that of her family. Joannah's brother, Karl Purnell, also served as a State Representative from Union County from 1963 to 1966. Mr. President, again, it is a pleasure to recognize my guests here today. I would ask that my colleagues please give Senator McGregor and his wife, Joannah, our usual warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Would the guests of Senator Yaw please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

RECALL COMMUNICATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following communications in writing from His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, which were read as follows and referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations:

CLERK OF COURTS, LANCASTER COUNTY

January 4, 2022

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated October 28, 2021, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane,

Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Clerk of Courts, in and for the County of Lancaster, to serve until the first Monday of January 2022, vice Jacquelyn Pfürsich, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

CLERK OF COURTS, WESTMORELAND COUNTY

January 4, 2022

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated December 20, 2021, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Clerk of Courts, in and for the County of Westmoreland, to serve until the first Monday of January 2022, vice Bryan Kline, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

CONTROLLER, LAWRENCE COUNTY

January 4, 2022

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated October 28, 2021, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Controller, in and for the County of Lawrence, to serve until the first Monday of January 2022, vice David Gettings, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

CORONER, BRADFORD COUNTY

January 4, 2022

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 28, 2021, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Coroner, in and for the County of Bradford, to serve until the first Monday of January 2022, vice Thomas Carman, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

January 4, 2022

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated December 20, 2021, of Brittany Erney-Muniz, Esquire, 701 Sherwood Drive, Carlisle 17013, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial Dis-

trict, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2022, vice the Honorable Arnold New, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

January 4, 2022

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated November 15, 2021, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Northampton, Magisterial District 03-2-03, to serve until the first Monday of January 2022, vice the Honorable Patricia Broscius, deceased.

TOM WOLF
Governor

NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following communications in writing from His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, which were read as follows and referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations:

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE

January 4, 2022

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Medicine, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice new position created by Act 79 of 2021.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE

January 4, 2022

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Medicine, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice new position created by Act 79 of 2021.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

January 4, 2022

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice new position created by Act 78 of 2021.

TOM WOLF Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

January 4, 2022

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice new position created by Act 78 of 2021.

TOM WOLF Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE COMMISSION

January 4, 2022

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than ninety days beyond that period, vice John Wozniak, Johnstown, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF Governor

CALENDAR OVER IN ORDER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Westmoreland, Senator Kim Ward.

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, I move that all of the bills and resolutions on today's Calendar go over in their order without prejudice as to day.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Senator STREET, by unanimous consent, offered Senate Resolution No. 214, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of January 16 through 23, 2022, as "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question, Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Street.

Senator STREET. Mr. President, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was a man of faith, a civil rights leader, a labor rights leader, and a person who fought to make this country a better place. Dr. King spent significant time in Pennsylvania, having studied at the Crozer Theological Seminary right outside of Philadelphia, and spent time developmentally in this Commonwealth. The ideals that he championed of freedom for each and every person and equality for all people--regardless of race, color, or creed--are ideals that have made this country better. The recognition of Martin Luther King Day as a Federal holiday and as a national holiday is something that we, in today's times, need to remember. In a time when we are as divided as we are, Dr. King reminds us of the best of ourselves and how we come together. Dr. King advocated for a nonviolent means of bringing people together, and it is certainly something that we need to this day. We need to remind folks that they can settle their disputes in the streets of Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, Reading, and Lancaster through nonviolent means, and we need to be reminded that when we have disputes in this Capitol that, while we may debate the issues, we are all supposed to be working towards the betterment of all humanity. Dr. King is an American hero and, certainly, it is fitting that each and every Pennsylvanian speak up and honor his legacy. So, I ask all Members for favorable consideration of this resolution commemorating this week as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday Week and encourage all Pennsylvanians, wherever they may be, to observe it, read about him, and take a moment in their lives to reflect upon the great legacy of Dr. King.

And the question recurring, Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

A voice vote having been taken, the question was determined in the affirmative.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

The following announcements were read by the Secretary of the Senate:

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022

1:00 P.M. AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS Erie Room (panel discussion on mental health in Farm Show agriculture) Complex Harrisburg

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022

11:30 A.M. AGING AND YOUTH (to consider Senate Room 461 Bill No. 936; and House Bills No. 996 and Main Capitol 1737)

Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 272, 482, 726, 807, 818, 861 and 927; and House Bills No. 930 and 1588)	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)
Off the Floor	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (to consider Senate Bill No. 1019)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	STATE GOVERNMENT (to consider House Bills No. 2051 and 2146)	Room 8E-B East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
<u>WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2022</u>		
9:30 A.M.	EDUCATION (to consider Senate Bill No. 527)	Room 8E-A East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
10:00 A.M.	TRANSPORTATION (to consider House Bills No. 763, 987, 1224, 1248, 1410, 1479 and 1560)	Room 461 Main Capitol
10:30 A.M.	JUDICIARY (to consider House Bills No. 979 and 1096)	Room 8E-B East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
Off the Floor	AGING AND YOUTH (to consider Senate Bill No. 936; and House Bills No. 996 and 1737)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider certain Executive Nominations)	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)

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The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Venango, Senator Hutchinson.

Senator HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at 1 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 12:41 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.